GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JAILS FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where separate jails have been provided for the women prisoners;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the sexual exploitation of women prisoners in jails; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) : According to information available, separate jails have been provided for women prisoners in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Haryana, Kerala, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) & (c): All cases of sexual exploitation of women need to be dealt with sternly and expeditiously. However, since `Prisons` is a State subject, prison management is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.